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FISH AND SHELLFISH LANDINGS AT GULF PORTS DURING SEPTEMBER

During September, about 57,000 barrels of shrimp were landed at the principal production points in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, according to figures supplied to the New Orleans Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, and released today in their monthly summary.

Compared with the August total of 36,000 barrels, this represents an increase of 58 percent. About 36,000 barrels of the entire September production was used for canning, with the remainder being utilized fresh or frozen.

Total production of shrimp for the first nine months of 1942 amounted to 204,000 barrels.

A total of about 14,000 barrels of oysters was harvested during September and sold fresh. For the first nine months of 1942, production of oysters totals 719,000 barrels.

Additional fishery products included hard crabs (1,255,000 pounds); pasteurized and fresh-cooked crab meat (133,000 pounds); soft crabs (1,100 dozen); other shellfish, mainly processed crab meat, 17,000 pounds.

Salt-water fish landings, mainly red snapper, mullet, spotted sea trout, and blue runner in September, amounted to 394,000 pounds—a decrease of 8,000 pounds compared with the August figure.

Fresh-water fish landings, mainly catfish, totaled 36,000 pounds—a decrease of about 29,000 pounds when compared with the August landings.

For the first nine months of 1942, salt-water fish landings totaled 4,141,000 pounds, while fresh-water fish landings amounted to 414,000 pounds.

The summary indicates increases in production of all items except fresh-water fish, for the first nine months of the current year compared with the same period in 1941:

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<u>Classification</u>		<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>
Shrimp	Bbls.	203,819	184,089
Oysters	"	719,300	717,610
Hard crabs	Lbs.	11,465,672	11,262,570
Soft crabs	Doz.	25,097	17,650
Crab meat	Lbs.	1,161,312	1,090,820
Other shellfish	"	270,580	147,107
Salt-water fish	"	4,141,350	3,516,325
Fresh-water fish	"	414,185	726,335

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